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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MIDEAST PARA IN FORD-CEAUSESCU
JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN ROMANIA AUGUST 3:
QUOTE: THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND UNDERLINED THE NEED TO
REACH, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN
THE REGION, IN THE SPIRIT OF RESOLUTION 338 OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA, IN-
CLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT
TO INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY FOR ALL STATES
IN THE AREA. END QUOTE.

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2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MIDEAST PARA IN FORD-TITO JOINT

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN YUGOSLAVIA AUGUST 4:

QUOTE: THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MEDITERRANEAN, CYPRUS AND THE QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT. END QUOTE.

3. IN REMARKS TO PRESS ON AUGUST 4, FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WERE MADE:

A. FORD: QUOTE: WE DID, OF COURSE, DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. I INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE ITS VERY VITAL INTEREST IN PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I STATED VERY EMPHATICALLY THAT A STALEMATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS UNACCEPTABLE. I INDICATED THAT MODERATION ON THE PART OF ALL PARTIES WAS ESSENTIAL. I ALSO INDICATED THAT FLEXIBILITY WAS NECESSARY IF WE WERE TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF RESULTS THAT WOULD AVOID A POTENTIAL SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT, A CATASTROPHE, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. MODERATION, GREATER FLEXIBILITY, ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL AT THE PRESENT TIME. END QUOTE.

B. TITO: QUOTE: BOTH SIDES HAVE OBVIOUSLY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I THINK THAT OUR VIEWS ARE QUITE IDENTICAL ESPECIALLY AFTER I HEARD WHAT PRESIDENT FORD SAID ABOUT THE ACTIONS THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO TAKE IN THE FUTURE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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